

TO : Mr. Cary FPH <i>LLM</i>		DATE OF REQUEST
FROM : ELS 26 September 1978 27 SEP 1978		SUSPENSE DATE
SUBJECT: Relations with Staff Associates on HAC		
NOTES For your consideration <i>Seems like Access to product without tying the results to budgetary matters would simulate purpose for having associates in the first place. Do we know what purpose is?</i> <i>9/27</i>		
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MEMORANDUM FOR: FPH  
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1. The information we have received concerning staff associates on HAC appears to clarify their status in two respects:

a. By rules of the Committee, they are entitled to have intelligence products to aid them in assisting their members on defense and national security issues.

b. By rules of the Committee they are not to have access to intelligence budget matters. Members are to get assistance from professional staff on these matters.

2. These rules would appear to explain why four of the present staff associates have SI-TK clearances, and would seem to open the way for other staff associates to get similar clearances by having their member request them through a subcommittee or the Committee Chairman.

3. It does not explain why two of the four with SI-TK also have

STAT  We are attempting to check this out.

STAT 4. Irrespective of the  issue, it seems clear that Bill Schneider and other staff assistants who are attempting to help their members on defense matters have a right to request SI-TK clearances from the Committee and to have the Committee put the request forward to the DCI. Once cleared, such staffers are entitled

to request briefings and materials which are intelligence products. A staffer with in-depth exposure to product would eventually acquire a reasonably wide acquaintanceship with the broad aspects of intelligence operations and would in time have pretty good knowledge and insight with respect to major programmatic decisions affecting the intelligence budget even if he or she had no access to the specifics of the budget. Such a staffer would assuredly be able to assist a member who had access to the budget in making budgetary decisions.

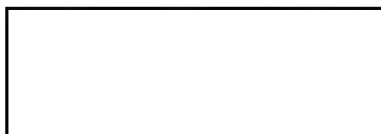
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Making a person a permanent and/or professional staff member of the House Appropriations Committee, and thus giving him compartmented clearances, will not automatically give that person access to the intelligence budget.

There are currently several permanent, professional staffers with compartmented clearances who have no access to the details of the intelligence budget because the Committee has deliberately chosen to limit access to only two staffers on security grounds.

Thus, the Committee has determined on its own that only two staffers have a need to know. We would need a reason for overriding this Committee's decision, and we would need to work it through the Committee management. Similarly, if a member were unhappy with the present Committee decision, he would have to work with the leadership to get it changed.

If we grant clearances to someone, and give him some budget information, his member will not be able to use it without disclosing that we are breaking Committee management discipline.



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